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SUBJ: BURMA HELICOPTER PROGRAM

REF: (A) RANGOON 2575; (B) STATE 197342

1. HELICOPTER PIO/C SIGNED SEPTEMBER 13.
2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM BELL REPS THAT DELIVERY EX-FACTORY WILL BE POSSIBLE ON BASIS OF ONE PER MONTH BEGINNING IN MARCH 1975 (TWO IN OCTOBER), PROVIDING SIX AIRCRAFT FOR BURMA PROGRAM AND FIVE FOR THAI PROGRAM BY DECEMBER 1975.
3. WE HAVE DISCUSSED DELIVERY SCHEDULES WITH EMBASSY BANGKOK, AND HAVE JOINTLY REACHED CONCLUSION THAT INTERESTS OF ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAM WITHIN THE REGION MAKE ADVISABLE THE DELIVERY TO BURMA OF ITS SIX HELICOPTERS ON A PRIORITY BASIS, WITH THE FIVE FOR THAILAND FOLLOWING. WE DO NOT ENVISAGE ANY PUBLICITY FOR INDIVIDUAL DELIVERIES TO BURMA, AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER ALL SIX AIRCRAFT ARE OPERATIONAL, AND HOPE THIS AVOIDANCE OF PUBLICITY WILL HELP AVOID ANY THAI DISCONTENT OVER PRIORITY DELIVERY TO BURMA.
4. REF B REFERRED TO "MORE FAVORABLE DELIVERY DATE." IF POSSIBLE TO ACCELERATE THE MARCH-DECEMBER 1975 DELIVERY SCHEDULE, THIS WOULD BE BENEFICIAL BOTH THE BURMA AND THAILAND PROGRAMS, AND EMB BANGKOK BELIEVES MIGHT HELP AVOID ANY ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE

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THAI OF GIVING PRIORITY TO BURMA. WE WOULD ALSO BE GRATEFUL IF

POSSIBILITY OF AIR SHIPMENT COULD BE INVESTIGATED. ALTHOUGH WE
REALIZE FUND AVAILABILITIES LIMITED, AIR SHIPMENT WOULD BE TWO
TO THREE MONTHS QUICKER, PERMITTING ALL BURMESE AIRCRAFT AND
SOME OF THAI AIRCRAFT TO BE OPERATIONAL BEFORE 1975-76 POPPY
PLANTING SEASON.

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